(c) The MRS-08 of BIC was considered by the Cabinet on 08.08.2008. Cabinet *inter-alia* directed that the Ministry may go back to the Cabinet with a detailed revival plan subsequently after inter-ministerial consultations. The inter-ministerial consultation has been completed recently and Cabinet may consider the Revival Plan now.

(d) Presently, production in the above mills is approximately 10% of the capacity.

(e) Due to paucity of working capital, the production is not at optimum capacity.

Retrenchment in textile industry

†394. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a lot of retrenchment in the textiles industry now-a-days;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the status of traditional handloom industry in this regard; and

(d) the details whether export has increased or decreased in the textile industry during last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) According to para 2.12 of the Survey Report on quick survey conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, to assess the impact of economic slowdown on employment during October-December 2008 in the industries/sectors supposed to be badly affected by the slow down, 1168 textile and textile garment units surveyed revealed loss of job in this industry by 0.91% of the workers.

(b) The reason for the same is economic slowdown in the country and recession in major international textile markets.

(c) Handloom weaving is predominantly a house hold activity. Almost entire activities in the handlooms sector are being done by the family member themselves and no labourers are engaged from outside. As such, the question of retrenchment in handlooms sector does not arise.

(d) There has been a consistent increase in the export of textile items during the last four years. The details of exports of textile items for the last four years are given below:

Export of Textile items

(Value in Rs. Lakh)

Sl.No.	Item	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Fibre	105324.73	350085.88	728258.84	1031313.25

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Yarn	905973.48	1003295.75	1194940.47	1267676.98
3.	Fabrics	1153974.73	1106993.84	1183737.10	1263839.25
4.	RMG/Madeups/ Carpets	4212274.68	5369690.27	5615934.02	5367056.73
5.	Other Textile Items	56177.44	73256.11	80265.23	93413.73
	TOTAL	6433725.06	7903321.85	8803135.66	9023299.94

Restriction on export of cotton

395. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to impose restriction on the export of the cotton to meet the demands of the domestic Textile Industries as they are facing shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated requirements of cotton in the textiles industry in the country at present and the quantity available for domestic textile sector;

(d) whether it is a fact that the textile industries have reduced their production by 25 per cent due to non-availability of cotton; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) has estimated the requirement of cotton in the textiles industry in the country at 241 lakh bales and the quantity available for domestic textiles sector is estimated at 322 lakh bales.

(d) and (e) Current Production figures do not indicate such a massive reduction at all.

Lowering textile export target

396. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the textile export targets set for the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export targets have not been achieved in the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) in view of the depleting targets, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to lower the ambitious US $ 50 billion by 2010 target by 40 per cent?